



CENTER CITY CONNECTOR STREETCAR

Thank you for your interest in the Center City Connector Streetcar. In this weekly update, you'll find information about ongoing construction for the 1st phase of utility work in Pioneer Square.

Labor strike shuts down utility construction on 1st Ave in Pioneer Square

On Tuesday morning, August 21, the **International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 302** went on strike, stopping all work on the Center City Connector Streetcar's Advance Utility Package 1 project. Equipment operators are an essential part of the labor force necessary to perform the work, and the project is unable to continue without their participation. This means that our water main installation, sewer repair, and other associated construction have been put on hold until further notice. We'll provide status updates on the project's website as more information about when work will resume becomes available. We will continue to regularly maintain the work site during the construction stoppage.

No water shutdown on Sunday, August 26

Because of the labor strike, **we've cancelled the long water shutdown** that had been scheduled to occur from 5 PM, Sunday, August 26, to 7 AM, Monday, August 27. The water shutdown, which is needed to hook up portions of the new water main, will be rescheduled for a later date. Impacted customers will be provided with advance notice when a new shutdown date and time have been arranged. The rescheduled shutdown is likely to occur after September 8, 2018, and will depend on how quickly construction work can resume.

The cancelled shutdown would have impacted customers on the following streets:

- 1st Ave S from S Washington St to Yesler Way
- 1st Ave from Yesler Way to Columbia St
- Yesler Way from 2nd Ave to Alaskan Way
- Cherry St from 1st Ave to 2nd Ave

On-street parking spots continue to open

Parking has been restored along 1st Ave between S Jackson and S Main streets and along the east side of 1st Ave between S Main and S Washington streets. Parking on the west side of this block will be restored once construction resumes. The restored parking includes restrictions during morning and afternoon commute times. As noted on the signs, parking and stopping are not allowed from 6 to 9 AM and 3 to 7 PM. Crews will need to temporarily remove parking in some locations to restore portions of the median later this

summer.

We'll continue to consult with the Alliance for Pioneer Square and local businesses on parking plans. The return of on-street parking is temporary while the Center City Connector Streetcar status is being decided. Also, SDOT will monitor traffic operations and may need to make adjustments to parking restrictions when the viaduct is closed and the new SR 99 tunnel is opened to traffic.

ONGOING TRAFFIC LANE RESTRICTIONS, STREET CLOSURES, AND OTHER IMPACTS

- Temporary closures of southbound 1st Ave between Cherry St and S Jackson St will occur intermittently for the rest of summer once work resumes
- Northbound 1st Ave lane closures will remain in effect while work is on hold:
 - Northbound 1st Ave S between S Washington St and Yesler Way will remain closed until installation of the new water main and drainage is complete at the 1st Ave and Yesler Way intersection in September
 - Northbound 1st Ave is closed between Yesler Way and Columbia St 24 hours per day. This long-term closure is accompanied by a southbound curb lane closure between Columbia St and Yesler Way.
- Intermittent lane closures on Cherry St for water main and drainage construction once work resumes
- Construction staging will remain on the north side of S Main St, west of 1st Ave S, and on the south side of James St, between Yesler Way and 2nd Ave
- Parking removal along both sides of 1st Ave between S Main St and Marion St
- Temporary load zone restrictions:
 - In the yellow-striped load zone on the north side of S Washington St just east of 1st Ave S
 - In the red-striped no parking zone on the north side of S Washington St just west of 1st Ave S once work resumes



Other nearby work

STEAM LINE SHUTOFF

Once work resumes, Enwave will shut off the steam line along 1st Ave S between S Main St and S Washington St to accommodate work in the sewer maintenance holes. Enwave will notify impacted customers. For questions about this work, please contact Andy Weyer at 206-623-6366.

AREAWAY REPAIR ON THE WEST SIDE OF 1ST AVE BETWEEN COLUMBIA AND MARION STREETS

SDOT is repairing an underground areaway adjacent to the Colman Building on the west side of 1st Ave near Marion St. The contractor is nearly finished with the repair work. The restriping of the roadway, planned for Friday night, will allow the southbound curb lane to be reopened to traffic by Monday, August 27. Areaways are cavities that were created when the grade level of the street was changed, and typically sidewalks are over the areaways. The areaway retaining walls have deteriorated over time and need repair to prevent them from failing.

Anticipated construction impacts include:

- This work, which began on May 29, is largely complete
- Typical construction hours are 7 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday
- 24/7 temporary half-block closure of the western lane of southbound 1st Ave between Marion St and Columbia St for the duration of the areaway repair
- Temporary sidewalk impacts at the southwest corner of 1st Ave and Marion St
- The width of the sidewalk from the UPS store to the north end of the Starbucks Coffee shop will be temporarily reduced for the duration of this construction
- Increased dust, noise, vibration and truck activity
- Access to businesses will be maintained at all times

AREAWAY REPAIR ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COLUMBIA ST BETWEEN 1ST AVE AND POST AVE

Areaway repair work began August 6 on the north side of Columbia St between 1st Ave and Post Ave. This work consists of filling the areaway under the sidewalk with lightweight concrete fill, reconstructing the sidewalk above, and improving entryways to businesses on Columbia St.

Schedule and hours:

- Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 5 PM
- Some work may occur at night and/or on weekends to ensure a safe work zone. Advance notification will be provided.
- The project is planned to be complete in September

Pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle access:

- Access to businesses will be maintained
- No vehicular access to Columbia between 1st Ave and Post Ave
- SR 99 on-ramp will remain open and accessible
- Any pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular detours will be clearly posted in work zone

Equipment and noise:

- Expect construction equipment and vehicles moving in and out of the work zone
- Construction trucks and equipment may be noisy, with the most significant noise coming from breaking and removing concrete

For more info or questions about construction, contact us at centercitystreetcar@seattle.gov or our 24/7 hotline, (206) 400-7578. For more information about the project, please visit our [website](#).

To forward this update to others who may be interested in the project, please [click here](#).

Thank you!

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